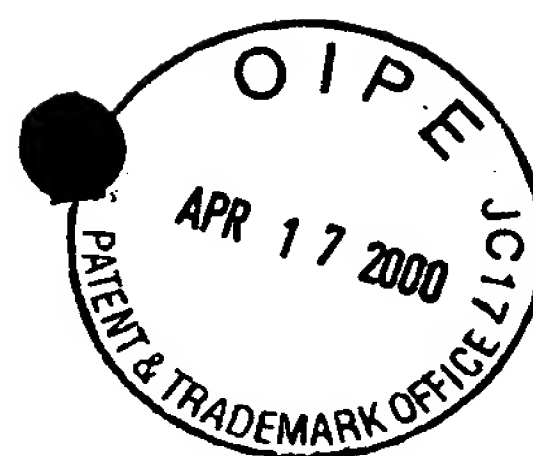


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
YOSHIHIRO ARAI : EXAMINER: VU, K.
SERIAL NO. : 08/965,844 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 7, 1997 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2722
FOR: FACSIMILE MACHINE HAVING :
PRINTER UNIT...

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SIR:

In conjunction with the concurrently filed papers requesting filing of a Continued Prosecution Application, and in response to the outstanding Office Action of January 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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--1. (Amended) A facsimile machine comprising:
a printer unit for printing out data having a predetermined format; and
interface means, coupled to said printer unit, for converting facsimile image data into
recording data having a format in which said printer unit can input the recording data, and for
supplying the recording data to said printer unit, wherein said printer unit comprises:
a printing portion for printing recording data; and